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## **EAB discusses privacy assessment in surveillance in a workshop in London on 19 October 2015**

On 19 October 2015 the EAB Workshop "**Preserving Privacy in an age of increased surveillance – A Biometrics Perspective**" will take place at IBM SouthBank in London. The workshop is organized by the European Association for Biometrics (EAB) and IBM. The meeting offers an ideal forum for discussing the impact of biometric technologies on privacy. There will be a focus on privacy issues surrounding biometric technologies and applications helping us to understand key concerns and trends, including: Impact of biometrics on privacy, Privacy protection technologies and Gaps in knowledge and practice. Commercial and governmental objectives of gathering information about citizens converge at a strategic level. The potential impact of this convergence needs to be explored and addressed.



Farzin Deravi, moderator of the workshop and board member of the EAB, says: *"Together we will reflect upon the many new opportunities and threats arising from the rapid increase in the channels of biometric data capture (e.g. sensors on mobile devices) and processing capabilities. The strong identifying capabilities of biometrics should always be assessed in combination with its powers of dissolving privacy. We have a responsibility to equally address some of the most serious threats while providing directions of overcoming them."*

The one-day workshop will bring together various stakeholders from amongst end users, technology developers, researchers and legal experts to discuss the serious challenges that these developments present and explore together ways for addressing them.

Title: **Preserving Privacy in an age of increased surveillance – A Biometrics Perspective**  
Date: 19 October 2015, 10.00 – 17.00 hrs  
Location: IBM SouthBank, Fleming Room, 76/78 Upper Ground, South Bank, London SE1 9P  
Fees: Free of charge, registration needed  
Full program: <http://www.eab.org/events/program/102>  
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### **The organizer of the workshop:**

*The European Association for Biometrics (EAB, [www.eab.org](http://www.eab.org)) is a pan-European non-profit association seeking to advance the proper and beneficial use of biometrics in Europe, taking into account the interests of European citizens, industry, academia and governments. The EAB is the European platform for biometrics, currently having over 185 members from 35 countries. Driven by developments in connection with immigration challenges, the requirements of e-passport implementations and a whole range of emerging commercial applications, the EAB fulfills the role of an independent and multi-stakeholder platform, where stakeholders can meet and exchange information and visions.*

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